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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN FRG

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1. AT EMBASSY INITIATIVE, EMBOFF REVIEWED AUGUST 18
STATUS OF SETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN FRG.

2. FONOFF REPS (KEIL AND TRUHART) EXPLAINED THAT A
COMMITTEE WHICH OPERATES UNDER THE AUTHORITY
OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND COMPOSED OF REPS OF
LAENDER RULES ON ALL APPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM
OR EXTENSION OF STAY BY INDOCHINESE (PRINCIPALLY
VIETNAMESE) PRESENTLY LOCATED IN THE FRG. THIS GROUP IS
ESTIMATED TO TOTAL 1,800. NOT MANY HAVE APPLIED BUT
MOST ARE EXPECTED TO BY NEXT SPRING. THE MINISTRY OF
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INTERIOR, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE THE

LAENDER TO GRANT PERMANENT STATUS TO THE REFUGEES, HAS REQUESTED THE LAENDER TO GRANT THEM THIS STATUS AND TO GIVE THEM WORK PERMITS. THE MINISTRY HAS ALSO WAIVED THE REQUIREMENT FOR A VALID PASSPORT IN ALL THESE CASES.

3. WHILE THE FONOFF CANNOT DISBURSE MONEY WITHIN THE FRG, IT HAS GRANTED 1M DM TO THE UNHC FOR RELIEF OF THIS GROUP OF REFUGEES, MOST OF WHOM ARE STUDENTS IN ECONOMIC STRAITS.

4. AS FOR REFUGEES LOCATED IN US WHO HAVE OR WILL APPLY FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE FRG, THE SITUATION IS A BIT MORE COMPLICATED. THESE PERSONS MUST APPLY FOR A VISA TO A GERMAN CONSULATE, WHICH TRANSMITS THE APPLICATION THROUGH THE FONOFF AND INTERIOR MINISTRY TO THE APPROPRIATE LAND OR CITY GOVERNMENT. IF AND WHEN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCEPTS THE APPLICANT, THE APPROVAL IS TRANSMITTED BACK TO THE CONSULATE THROUGH THE SAME CHANNEL.

5. THE FONOFF REPS STRESSED THAT IN THESE CASES A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT IS NO PROBLEM FOR GETTING TO THE FRG SINCE A FREMDENPASS CAN BE USED. THEY ALSO ASSERTED THAT TRAVEL FUNDS SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM SINCE THE FRG HAS GRANTED ICEM AND UNHC 2M DM FOR RELIEF OF THIS GROUP OF REFUGEES.

6. WHILE THE KEY TO SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF PENDING APPLICATIONS REMAINS APPROVAL OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, THE EMBASSY GAVE THE FONOFF THE LISTS OF SPECIFIC CASES LISTED IN MSG 577 FROM PENDLETON AND AN UNNUMBERED MSG FROM GUAM DTG 27E747Z JUL 75.

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7. EMBOFF SAID WE ARE AWARE OF KEY ROLE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PLAY. THEREFORE, AMCONSULS HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEM IN INDIVIDUAL CASES. FONOFF REPS WELCOMED THIS NEWS AND THOUGHT THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AMCONSULS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES WOULD SPEED RESOLUTION OF PENDING CASES.

8. EMBOFF ALSO BRIEFED THE FONOFF REPS ON THE EFFORTS OF HERR CLAUSEN (BONN 8466), WHO HAS COLLECTED 800,000 DM FOR REFUGEE RELIEF AND WANTS TO BRING A GROUP TO THE FRG. HERE AGAIN THE ANSWER LIES WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

9. IT IS CLEAR TO THE EMBASSY THAT THE FRG REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THE FRG. IT HAS ALREADY DISBURSED 3M DM FOR THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PURPOSE. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE 1,800 INDOCHINESE ALREADY IN THE FRG WILL BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY, BUT IT SHOULD PROVE POSSIBLE TO RESETTLE HERE ALSO THOSE REFUGEES IN THE US WHO HAVE A VALID REASON FOR COMING TO THE FRG. A LARGER SCALE PROGRAM DOES NOT SEEM TO BE IN THE CARDS.

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